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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated March 13, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Nwice Amended) In a graphite material for the negative electrode of a lithium ion secondary cell which material is capable of occluding or releasing lithium ions, the improvement wherein said graphite material absorbs or is coated with a single layer of surface active material not carbonized by heat and consisting essentially of at least one member selected from the group consisting of starch derivatives having a basic repeating unit structure of $C_6H_{10}O_5$; viscous polysaccharides having a basic

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